



Washington - President and Mrs. Kennedy are shown admiring the White House Christmas tree in the Main Lobby during a picture-taking session Wednesday. Later, approximately 1,200 men and women employed in the executive offices joined the First Couple to receive their annual gift and enjoy Christmas refreshments. (UPI)

Famous Christmas Trees Subject of Club Party

Wednesday Study club observed the holiday season at the December 5 meeting with a dessert luncheon and Christmas party.

Mrs. R. T. Nichol gave the program and as a departure from the traditional Christmas story, chose for her subject, Christmas customs and famous Christmas trees. Mrs. Nichol stated that the world's largest and most unusual Christmas tree is in Hilton Park, Washington, D.C., a 300-year-old water oak. The tree, only 50 feet tall, has a diameter spread of 110 feet. During the depression the city firemen decorated the tree with colored lights and Spanish moss and Christmas eve, 1929, as a switch was thrown, the world's largest living tree burst into bloom.

Continuing, Mrs. Nichol described the National Christmas tree, located in King's canyon, 64 miles east of Fresno, Calif. On December 25, 1925, the famous General Grant tree, Sequoia gigantea, or big tree, was designated as the nation's Christmas tree. It was a small tree 3,500 years ago, before the birth of Christ, and was discovered by Joseph Thomas in 1867. To protect the tree, the area was made into a park and in 1940 the tree was officially dedicated as National Living Christmas tree. It stands 287 feet high, 40 feet in diameter at base, circumference is 107 feet at first limb which is 130 feet from the ground.

Another tree mentioned is the famous "Tree of Lights," sponsored by the Salvation Army and Radio Station KMOX in St. Louis, Mo., where Christmas carols and services are broadcast. Also of interest is the giant spruce in Rockefeller plaza in Radio City in New York. At Christmas it is strung with 6,000 twinkling icicles 18 inches long and 6500 colored bulbs, requiring six miles of wiring.

Cantata Slated

Hornbrook - The mixed choir of the Hill Community church will be in Hornbrook Sunday, December 16 at 7 p.m. to present their Christmas cantata.

Directed by Mrs. Marlo Magnus, wife of the pastor of the Hill church, the choir is becoming well-known in this area, for the excellence of their presentations. This will mark the second annual Christmas season that the neighboring church has been asked to appear at the Methodist church here.

On December 23, at 7:30 p.m. the same cantata will be given in their own church at Hill. All in the community are invited to attend either or both of these musical and religious events.

President At Ballet

Washington - President Kennedy made a surprise appearance during the ballet Wednesday night after his wife sent him a message that the performance was well worth his while.

The President arrived at Lowe's Capital Theater shortly after the first intermission.

Mrs. Kennedy made her scheduled appearance before the curtain went up on the American Ballet Theater. She was escorted by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver and his wife, Eunice, the President's sister.

The audience, and apparently Mrs. Kennedy too, particularly enjoyed the second ballet, "The Combat." It was after this ballet that she had someone call the White House to urge the President to make the short trip to the theater.

During the first intermission, Mrs. Kennedy went backstage to meet the cast and thank Dame Margot Fonteyn for substituting for the resident ballerina, Maria Tallchief, who is ill in Chicago.

Miss Oregon Is Speaker

Phoenix - Miss Martha Wyatt, Jacksonville, Miss Oregon for 1962, and one of the top 10 finalists in the Miss America contest, spoke to Phoenix High school girls at an assembly last week.

Miss Wyatt described her experiences in Seaside and Atlantic City, N. J. She pointed out that not all the finalists really wanted to be "Miss America" because the title entails giving a year's time much of it from families and friends.

The speaker encouraged those who are interested in entering the Miss Rogue Valley contest to contact representatives of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. She then stressed that entrants should start working on talent qualifications immediately, so that they will be prepared at the time of the contest.

Miss Wyatt reminded students of the importance of good grooming practices, emphasizing cleanliness and especially in the care and appearance of the face and hair.

The speaker stated that outer beauty is important to establish a good first impression, but a lasting favorable impression depends on inner beauty.

Past Chiefs

The Past Chiefs club of the Pythian Sisters will meet for an annual Christmas dinner and party, Saturday evening, December 15 at the Girls Community club. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the club president, Mrs. Harry Barneburg has announced an exchange of gifts, the value not to exceed one dollar.

Events Planned In Shady Cove

Shady Cove - Members of the auxiliary to the Steelhead post, Veteran of Foreign Wars, will assist in the VFW gift room at the Veterans Domiciliary in White City on Saturday, December 15 for gift wrapping; on Thursday, December 20 for gift distribution and on the same day fill fruit baskets, which the Shady Cove group is directing this year.

The Secret Pal meeting for the auxiliary will be held also on Thursday, December 20 at 10 a.m. The Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 21.

At the last meeting of the group on December 7 Mrs. Shelby Clifford became a member. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford recently are from Prineville and now live at Trail. Mrs. Agnes Hubbell reported on the recent food. Mrs. Gene House and Mrs. Berdie Allecki served refreshments.

Veterans Win Bridge Prizes

Prizes furnished by the auxiliary to the American Legion Department of Oregon were awarded to high scoring veterans for the month of November during the December 7 play of Camp White Veterans Bridge club.

First prize went to Walter Grow; second to W. J. Vail; third to John Foley, and fourth to John Waterman. E. K. Ricker was chairman for a catered dinner served preceding the play.

Winners of the master point play December 7 were Mrs. Fred Rehling and P. A. Hutton, first in the north-south position of Section A with 101 points; Mrs. B. D. Blackstone and Mrs. S. T. Richardson, second with 99 points, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crews, third, with 91 points.

In the east-west position of Section A, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon scored 98; Mrs. F. T. Burich and Mrs. H. B. Collins, 94½, and Mrs. D. J. Clifford and Mrs. G. B. Torgerson, 94.

In Section B the north-south winners were G. W. Rode, and J. D. Shortridge, 105½; Walter Ensminger and C. S. Reavis, 91; and third, Mrs. C. E. Anderson and Mrs. T. H. Reddick tied with Mrs. Ensminger and Mrs. Sam Stinebaugh. The score was 83 points.

The Section B east-west winners were Mrs. G. A. Codding and W. J. Vail, 99; Mrs. J. S. Lausmann and Mrs. John Peterson, 97, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks, 94.

Fifty Plus Club To Attend Party

Medford Fifty Plus club members have been invited to attend a party at White City Friday, December 14, sponsored by Charles Gray. A Veterans Administration bus will be at the Trailway Bus station at 11:30 a.m. to pick up all those who wish transportation to White City and return.

However, the club announces that the regular meeting headquarters at West Fifth street and Oakdale avenue will be open for members who prefer to stay in town for an afternoon of cards.

Good fruit accompaniment with your holiday ham is Glazed Apple slices, easily prepared with this simplified method. Core three or four Delicious apples and cut into thick slices. Do not peel. Dip apple slices in granulated sugar, to coat. Heat 3-4 tbsps. butter or margarine in medium sized frying pan. Saute apple slices lightly, about 10 minutes or until tender and glazed, turning once.

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